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REQUEST

The undersigned requests that the present international application be processed according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

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International Application No. **PCT/EP 2005 / 0 0 2 2 2 7**

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International Filing Date

EUROPEAN PATENT OFFICE
PCT INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION
Name of receiving Office and "PCT International Application"

Applicant's or agent's file reference
(if desired) (12 characters maximum) **040001FCIP**

Box No. I TITLE OF INVENTION Membrane electrode unit	
Box No. II APPLICANT <input type="checkbox"/> This person is also inventor	
Name and address: (Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country. The country of the address indicated in this Box is the applicant's State (that is, country) of residence if no State of residence is indicated below.) Umicore AG & Co KG Rodenbacher Chaussee 4 D-63457 Hanau-Wolfgang DE	
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Box No. IV AGENT OR COMMON REPRESENTATIVE; OR ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	
The person identified below is hereby/has been appointed to act on behalf of the applicant(s) before the competent International Authorities as: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agent <input type="checkbox"/> common representative	
Name and address: (Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.) STARZ, Karl Anton Umicore AG & Co KG Patente Postfach 1351 D-63403 Hanau-Wolfgang DE	
Telephone No. 06181-59 2718 Facsimile No. 06181-59 4661 Teleprinter No. Agent's registration No. with the Office EPO AV-Nr. 47260	
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Box No. V DESIGNATIONS

The filing of this request constitutes under Rule 4.9(a), the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents.

However,

- ☐ DE Germany is **not designated** for any kind of national protection
- ☐ KR Republic of Korea is **not designated** for any kind of national protection
- ☐ RU Russian Federation is **not designated** for any kind of national protection

(The check-boxes above may be used to exclude (irrevocably) the designations concerned in order to avoid the ceasing of the effect, under the national law, of an earlier national application from which priority is claimed. See the Notes to Box No. V as to the consequences of such national law provisions in these and certain other States.)

Box No. VI PRIORITY CLAIM

The priority of the following earlier application(s) is hereby claimed:

Filing date of earlier application (day/month/year)	Number of earlier application	Where earlier application is:		
		national application: country or Member of WTO	regional application:* regional Office	international application: receiving Office
item (1) 05 MRT 2004 (05.03. 2004)	04 005 219.3		EP	
item (2)				
item (3)				

☐ Further priority claims are indicated in the Supplemental Box.

The receiving Office is requested to prepare and transmit to the International Bureau a certified copy of the earlier application(s) (only if the earlier application was filed with the Office which for the purposes of this international application is the receiving Office) identified above as:

☐ all items ☒ item (1) ☐ item (2) ☐ item (3) ☐ other, see Supplemental Box

* Where the earlier application is an ARIPO application, indicate at least one country party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property or one Member of the World Trade Organization for which that earlier application was filed (Rule 4.10(b)(ii)):

Box No. VII INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

Choice of International Searching Authority (ISA) (if two or more International Searching Authorities are competent to carry out the international search, indicate the Authority chosen; the two-letter code may be used):

ISA / EPO

Request to use results of earlier search; reference to that search (if an earlier search has been carried out by or requested from the International Searching Authority):

Date (day/month/year)	Number	Country (or regional Office)
02.09.2004	04 005 219.3	EPO

Box No. VIII DECLARATIONS

The following declarations are contained in Boxes Nos. VIII (i) to (v) (mark the applicable check-boxes below and indicate in the right column the number of each type of declaration):

Number of
declarations

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII (i) | Declaration as to the identity of the inventor | : | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII (ii) | Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent | : | 1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII (iii) | Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application | : | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII (iv) | Declaration of inventorship (only for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America) | : | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII (v) | Declaration as to non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty | : | |

Box No. VIII (ii) DECLARATION: ENTITLEMENT TO APPLY FOR AND BE GRANTED A PATENT

The declaration must conform to the standardized wording provided for in Section 212; see Notes to Boxes Nos. VIII, VIII (i) to (v) (in general) and the specific Notes to Box No. VIII (ii). If this Box is not used, this sheet should not be included in the request.

Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent (Rules 4.17(ii) and 51bis.1(a)(ii)), in a case where the declaration under Rule 4.17(iv) is not appropriate:

In relation to this international application,

Umicore AG & Co KG, KOEHLER, Joachim, GELZ, Markus and ZUBER, Ralf are entitled to apply for and be granted a patent by virtue of the following:

(i) KOEHLER, Joachim of Schmiedegasse 15b, D-63584 Gruendau, DE, GELZ, Markus of Hanauer Landstrasse 22b, D-63457 Hanau-Grossauheim, DE, and ZUBER, Ralf of Valentin-Hock-Strasse 11, D-63762 Grossostheim, DE, are the inventors of the subject matter for which protection is sought by way of this international application

(ii) Umicore AG & Co KG is entitled as employer of the inventors KOEHLER, Joachim, Gelz, Markus and ZUBER, Ralf.

(iii) This declaration is made for the purpose of all designations.

☐ This declaration is continued on the following sheet, "Continuation of Box No. VIII (ii)".

Box No. IX CHECK LIST; LANGUAGE OF FILING

This international application contains:

(a) **in paper form**, the following number of sheets:

request (including declaration sheets) : 5

description (excluding sequence listing and/or tables related thereto) : 12

claims : 2

abstract : 1

drawings :

Sub-total number of sheets : 20

sequence listing :

tables related thereto :

(for both, actual number of sheets if filed in paper form, whether or not also filed in computer readable form; see (c) below)

Total number of sheets : 20

(b) ☐ **only in computer readable form** (Section 801(a)(i))

(i) ☐ sequence listing

(ii) ☐ tables related thereto

(c) ☐ **also in computer readable form** (Section 801(a)(ii))

(i) ☐ sequence listing

(ii) ☐ tables related thereto

Type and number of carriers (diskette, CD-ROM, CD-R or other) on which are contained the

☐ sequence listing:

☐ tables related thereto:

(additional copies to be indicated under items 9(ii) and/or 10(ii), in right column)

This international application is accompanied by the following item(s) (mark the applicable check-boxes below and indicate in right column the number of each item):

Number of items

1. ☒ fee calculation sheet
2. ☐ original separate power of attorney
3. ☐ original general power of attorney
4. ☐ copy of general power of attorney; reference number, if any:
5. ☐ statement explaining lack of signature
6. ☐ priority document(s) identified in Box No. VI as item(s):
7. ☐ translation of international application into (language):
8. ☐ separate indications concerning deposited microorganism or other biological material
9. ☐ sequence listing in computer readable form (indicate type and number of carriers)
 - (i) ☐ copy submitted for the purposes of international search under Rule 13ter only (and not as part of the international application):
 - (ii) ☐ (only where check-box (b)(i) or (c)(i) is marked in left column) additional copies including, where applicable, the copy for the purposes of international search under Rule 13ter
 - (iii) ☐ together with relevant statement as to the identity of the copy or copies with the sequence listing mentioned in left column
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 - (iii) ☐ together with relevant statement as to the identity of the copy or copies with the tables mentioned in left column
11. ☐ other (specify):

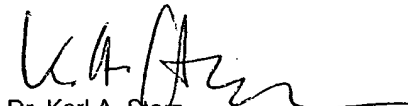
Figure of the drawings which should accompany the abstract:

Language of filing of the international application:

English

Box No. X SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, AGENT OR COMMON REPRESENTATIVE

Next to each signature, indicate the name of the person signing and the capacity in which the person signs (if such capacity is not obvious from reading the request).


 Dr. Karl A. Starz
 Director IP Management
 Umicore AG & Co KG

11/3/05

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1. Date of actual receipt of the purported international application:

03 MAR 2005

3. Corrected date of actual receipt due to later but timely received papers or drawings completing the purported international application:

(03.03.05)

4. Date of timely receipt of the required corrections under PCT Article 11(2):

5. International Searching Authority (if two or more are competent): ISA /

6. ☐ Transmittal of search copy delayed until search fee is paid

2. Drawings:

☐ received:☐ not received:

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Date of receipt of the record copy by the International Bureau:

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FEE CALCULATION SHEET

Annex to the Request

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International Application No.

Date stamp of the receiving Office

Applicant's or agent's
file reference

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Applicant

Umicore AG & Co KG

CALCULATION OF PRESCRIBED FEES

1. TRANSMITTAL FEE 100.00 [T]

2. SEARCH FEE 1,550.00 [S]

International search to be carried out by EPO

(If two or more International Searching Authorities are competent to carry out the international search, indicate the name of the Authority which is chosen to carry out the international search.)

3. INTERNATIONAL FILING FEE

Where items (b) and/or (c) of Box No. 1X apply, enter Sub-total number of sheets }
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4. FEE FOR PRIORITY DOCUMENT (if applicable) 30.00 [P]

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